Enactment of legislation for maintenance and care of senior citizens

2224. DR. VIJAY MALLYA: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal with Government to bring a legislation to provide for maintenance of dependent and senior citizens and help them live with dignity;

(b) if so, by when the Bill will be introduced;

(c) the funds Government have released during 2004-05 under various Central schemes for the maintenance of senior citizens; and

(d) the details of the suggestions in this regard given by the Parliamentary Consultative Committee attached to the Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI SUBBULAKSHMI JAGADEESAN): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. However, it is not possible to indicate time frame.

(c) Under the grant in aid scheme "Integrated Programme for Older Persons", a total amount of Rs.15.68 crore was released to Non-Governmental Organisations for maintenance of old age homes, day care centres, mobile medicare units and non-institutional service centres.

(d) The Members have broadly supported the proposal to formulate the legislation.

Reservation in private sector

2225. SHRI ABU ASIM AZMI: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Group of Ministers set up by Government to prepare a roadmap for extending job reservation for Scheduled Castes/Scheduled Tribes/Other Backward Classes in the private sector has submitted its report;

(b) if so, whether Minority communities have also been included in the list for this purpose;